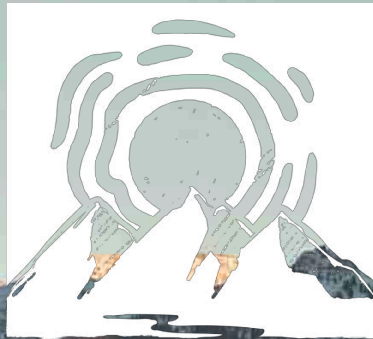




— The 7th Annual —

MONTANA FILM FESTIVAL

November 18 - 21, 2021 ▶▶▶ Missoula, Montana



2021 Program



WELCOME

Welcome to the seventh annual *Montana Film Festival*, hosted by the Roxy Theater, Missoula's Community Cinema.

Montana Film Festival is a celebration of independent cinema, both as an art form and as a communal experience. The line-up of films this year is as strong as ever, with exciting newcomers joining established masters like Frank Perry, Sky Hopinka, and Jane Campion. The nine features and eleven short films in this year's MTFF represent contemporary cinema at its most powerful and exciting, most inspiring and uncompromised, and after the challenges of 2020, we're delighted to have you join us in-person to experience them.

The Montana Film Forum, a collection of panels, presentations, and discussions about the film industry in Montana, will run alongside MTFF this year. It's a must-attend if you're interested in working in this state's booming motion picture industry, or just want to meet some of the extraordinary artists behind the films you've just enjoyed.

Thank you for joining us, and for taking the time to watch cinema.

With love,
Team MTFF

A photograph of two people sitting on a rocky ledge, looking out over a city at night. The person on the left is wearing a dark jacket with a colorful, patterned shawl draped over their shoulders. The person on the right is wearing a blue denim jacket with a red rose patch on the back. The city lights are visible in the distance under a dark sky.

WE BURN LIKE THIS, Directed by Alana Waksman starring Devery Jacobs & Madeline Coghlan

The mission of the *Montana Film Festival* is to promote bold independent films from around the world and to engage our own community with remarkable, shared, cinematic experiences.

As you enjoy a film with us, we encourage you to reflect upon the land that you live on, and that land's traditional keepers. Montana continues to be home to many indigenous nations including the Blackfeet Tribe, the Chippewa Cree Tribe, the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, the Crow Tribe, the Fort Belknap Tribes, the Fort Peck Tribes, the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

The Roxy Theater, home to the Montana Film Festival, sits on the ancestral lands of the Séliš, Kootenai and Pend d' Oreille peoples. MTFF honors the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

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General Info

Festival Venue:
The Roxy Theater
718 S. Higgins Avenue
Missoula, MT 59801

The Roxy hosts screenings and events seven days a week including new releases nightly and a monthly calendar of independent, foreign, and classic films, live comedy and theater, and community events. Enjoy great films with triple-organic popcorn, beer, wine and Dolby 7.1 Surround Sound in our three main theaters, the adjoining Roxy Annex, and the Roxy Garden outdoor theater.

ACCESSIBILITY

Each theater has two dedicated wheelchair-accessible areas. These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Closed-captioning screens and descriptive audio/assistive listening headphones available upon request.

HEALTH & SAFETY

MTFF is following all lawfully required COVID-19 health and safety protocols including masks indoors, recent theater upgrades for increased ventilation, and increased cleaning procedures. We will continue to update and revise our protocols to reflect the most current safety standards – make sure to reference our website for up-to-date protocols.

Thank you for keeping our community safe.

CONNECT WITH US

Instagram [@montana.film.festival](https://www.instagram.com/montana.film.festival)
Facebook [@MontanaFilmFestival](https://www.facebook.com/MontanaFilmFestival)
www.montanafilmfestival.org



TICKET PRICES

MTFF All-Access Pass

\$60.00

(allows the passholder to reserve one seat to every MTFF screening)

Adult

\$9.00

Student

\$8.00

(14+ with ID)

Senior

\$8.00

(55+)

Military

\$8.00

Roxy Member discounts apply, with discounts on individual tickets depending on membership level.

[Become a Roxy member today.](#)

BOX OFFICE

The Roxy Theater Box Office is open a *half-hour* before the first screening of the day.

Tickets can be purchased online on the [Roxy Theater's website](#).

Individual screening tickets can easily be booked by visiting each film's page on the [Montana Film Festival site](#).

Buy your MTFF Pass [HERE](#)

FREE FESTIVAL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Opening Night Party

Thursday, 11/18 | 9:00 pm | Western Cider

The 2021 MTFF Shorts Block Screening

Thursday, 11/18 | 5:00 pm | The Roxy Theater

Montana Film Forum Sessions

Saturday & Sunday, 11/20 -11/21 | 10:00 am - 3:30 pm | The Roxy Theater

Hip Strip Soiree

Saturday, 11/20 | 9:00 pm | Clyde Coffee

WATCH THE TRAILER



CLICK VIDEO TO PLAY



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Thursday, November 10 & 11

BASE Training

BASE participants attend a 2-Day Film Production Training Session, taught by filmmaker John Nilles, owner at Treasure State Studios, BASE Coordinator John Howard plus additional mentoring from MT film professionals.

Participants will learn the basics of film production, including the process of shooting an idea from start to finish, camera setup, lighting within a sound stage, scheduling, audio recording, set vocabulary and expectations. Students will become familiar with typical systems used on a professional film set and will create promo reels of their own wrestling characters during the process.

Final footage is edited with guidance by local filmmaker Kelly Bouma. Those promos will screen at the Happy Hour mixer hosted by Treasure State Studios on Sunday afternoon, 3:00 - 5:00 pm in The Roxy Annex.



BASE, a program of Summit Independent Living

BASE came to fruition in collaboration with other non-profits and various artists in the Missoula community. BASE is meant to be a safe place to explore and display the arts as well as learn self-advocacy and other skills needed for navigating the world around us. BASE is open to everyone in our community of all ages, interests, and abilities. BASE offers a variety of programs aimed at enriching life through the arts as well as assisting individuals in the pursuit of education, employment, and independence.

Treasure State Studios is a locally-owned film studio & post production house located in Missoula. The studio is dedicated to developing filmmakers, training film crews, and supporting the film industry in Montana. The studio's amenities include high tech sound stages with DMX controlled lighting, green room, hair/make-up suite, and robust post-production facilities for editing, sound, color, music, podcasts, and more. The studio also offers film equipment and truck rentals for location shoots. Treasure State Studios is focused on providing training for Montanans to have good-paying and sustainable careers in the film industry.

Thursday, November 18

OPENING NIGHT

BUY TICKETS

2021 MTF SHORTS BLOCK

5:00 pm | Theater 2

Sponsored by [Water Works Hard Seltzer](#)
free, ticket required

Q&A to follow with:

Cindy Stillwell - 600 MOONS

Cat Dale - WILDCAT

John Budge - THE MOLY SPIRIT

Kelly Bouma & Mike Steinberg - LE PIGEON



600 Moons



Wildcat



The Moly Spirit



Ode to Desolation



Le Pigeon



Wildfire



Lore



Bitterroot



BUY TICKETS

MONTANA STORY - US PREMIERE

7:30 pm | Theater 2

Sponsored by [Western Cider](#)

+ Q&A to follow with directors
David Siegel and Scott McGehee.

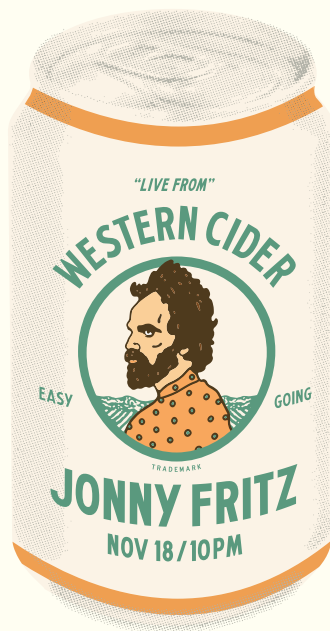


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PARTY AT WESTERN CIDER

9:00 pm - 12 pm

501 N California St, Missoula

Free & Open to the public

Kick off the 7th annual Montana Film Festival with live music from our buddy Jonny Fritz. Music starts around 10, but we'll be drinking long before then. Nomad Missoula ([@nomad_missoula](#)) food truck will be open to serve late-night dinner for purchase.

FRIDAY, November 19

FILMMAKER BRUNCH hosted by Cimarron Studios and Cambie Taphouse + Coffee

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cambie Taphouse + Coffee

2413 S Higgins Ave

Invite Only

This intimate, hosted brunch is to thank the creative talent that plays such an important part in the festival. We're honored to have so many filmmaker guests joining us this year and hope you enjoy the spread!

FRIDAY IN THE BITTERROOT

Festival Attendees are welcome to enjoy the free afternoon before the evening screenings. We recommend heading down the Bitterroot to explore more of Western Montana. If you go that way, stop and get a personalized tour of the Cimarron Studios facilities in Hamilton, MT.

Line up a tour Friday afternoon through David - call 406 360 8025

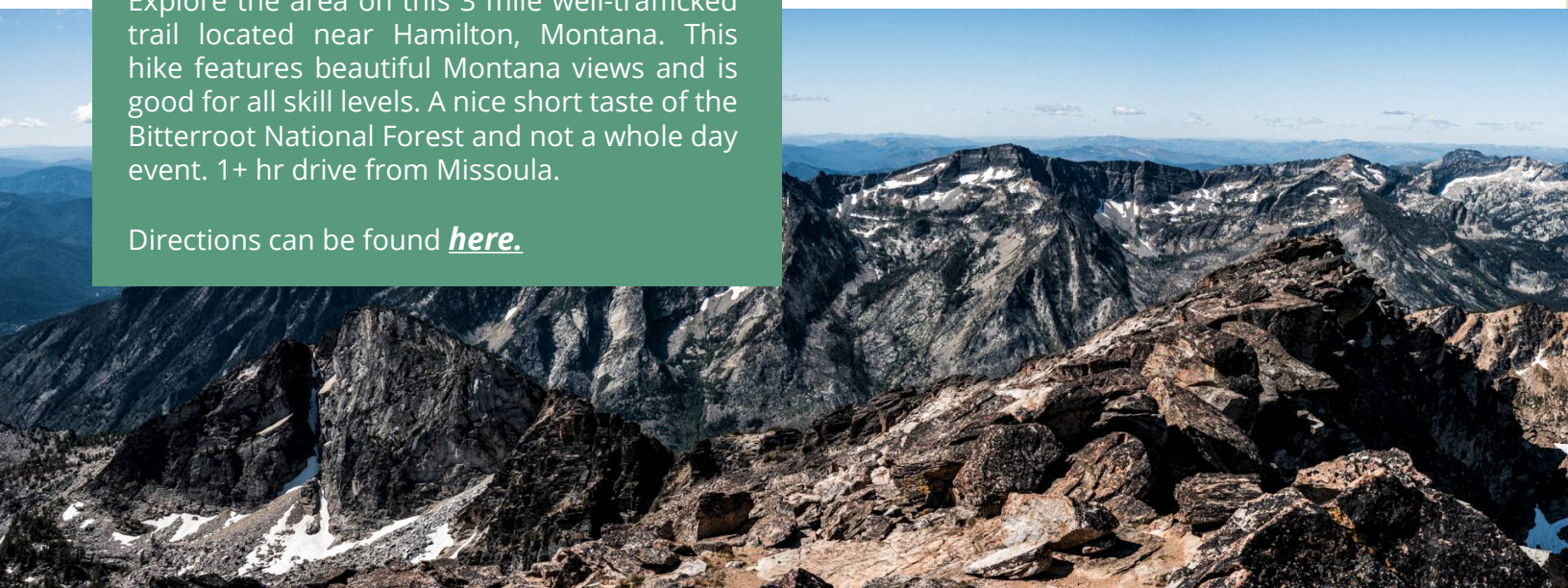


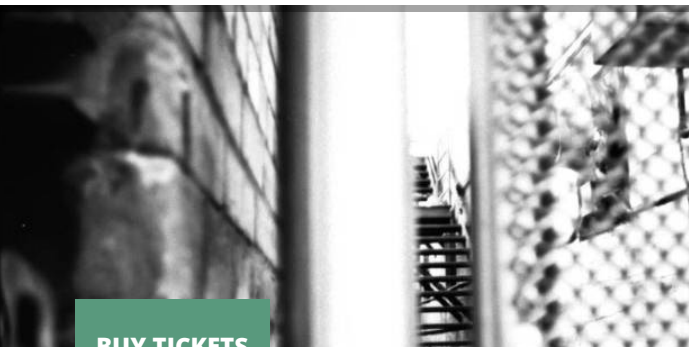
Cimarron Studios provides full-service production sound stage facilities. In June of 2021, the doors to the past Pharoahplex Cinema opened to a reimagined facility. Cimarron Studios is ready for your production challenges with five state-of-the-art sound stages, a suite of support spaces, flex-rooms, production offices, wardrobe/make-up, mill, commissary, a screen/editing room, and first-class services. Constructed with 10" solid concrete wall, acoustical insulation, and sound doors, our stages are prepared to give your project a home. Our services and facilities are meticulously designed to support you and your crew.
582 Old Corvallis Rd, Corvallis, MT 59828

Take a Hike to Blodgett Canyon Overlook Trail

Explore the area on this 3 mile well-trafficked trail located near Hamilton, Montana. This hike features beautiful Montana views and is good for all skill levels. A nice short taste of the Bitterroot National Forest and not a whole day event. 1+ hr drive from Missoula.

Directions can be found [here](#).





BUY TICKETS

WHAT HOLDS YOU + REWIND

4:30 pm | Theater 2

Sponsored by [20/20 Camera](#)

The post-film Q&A will include a discussion with First STEP Resource Center which is a Child Advocacy Center and also with editor Avela Grenier.



Content warning: discusses generational child sexual abuse

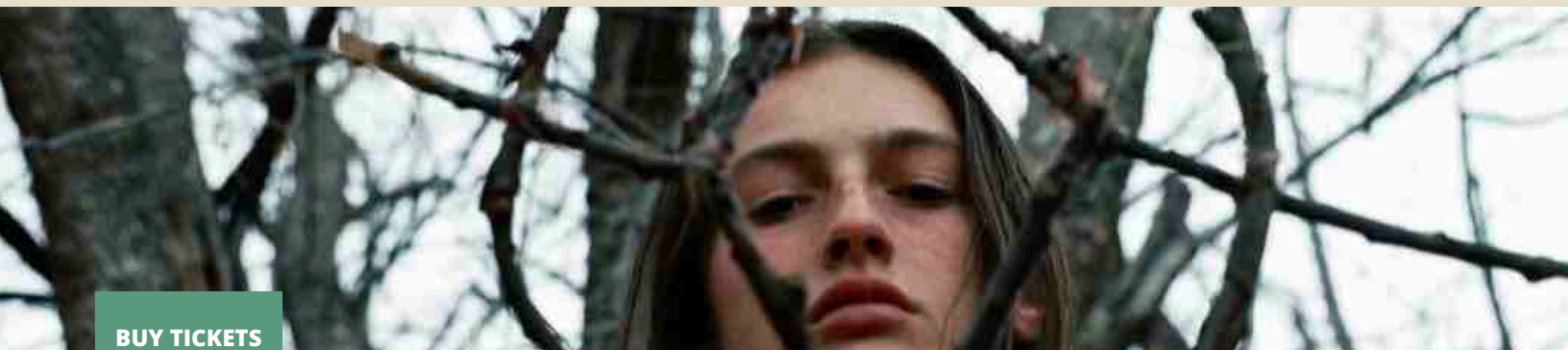


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THE POWER OF THE DOG

7:00 pm | Theater 2

Sponsored by [Montana Film Office](#)



BUY TICKETS

HELLBENDER

9:45 pm | Theater 2

Sponsored by [Slant Street Records](#)

+ Q&A with filmmaker Toby Poser.



Saturday, November 20

MTFF FILM FORUM SESSIONS

(free admission)

10:00 am - 11:30 am | Theater 2

Montana Film Office presentation on the State of Film in MT

Allison Whitmer, MT Film Commissioner will present the state of film in Montana. The Film Office team of Stacey Zylia, Sean Tippin, and Laura Benedict will review varied resources for independent productions state-wide including crew & cast services, database, locations, tax incentives, grants plus a review of set safety protocols. Time will be reserved for questions at the end of this presentation.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Theater 2

Crew Survey with Gina Lavery & Allison Whitmer

In June 2020, Econsult Solutions Inc (ESI) completed an analysis of the impact of Montana's film industry and the MEDIA Act's tax credit on the state's economy. This session will review the key findings of that study as well as highlight the next stages of the study—where we will provide an update on production activity and highlight localized stories about the value for Montana's communities. ESI is seeking participation in our cast and crew survey and focus groups, to provide personal examples of the state of the industry.

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm | Theater 2

A Conversation with David Siegel & Scott McGehee

David Siegel and Scott McGehee have been a filmmaking team since the early 1990s, with six feature films under their belt, including the 2021 MTFF selection *Montana Story*. This conversation will dig into the dynamics of a strong and long-lasting collaboration, the directors' influences, and how a sense of place is reflected in their work.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm | Theater 2

Visual Storytelling with Avela Grenier & Marshall Granger

Rewind editor Avela Grenier and We Burn Like This editor Marshall Granger join us for a wide-ranging conversation about the art of editing raw footage into a feature film. The session will include a few short sequences edited by each editor as they walk the audience through their decisions when making each cut. The panel will discuss the process of shot selection, rhythm, problem-solving, and what else goes into weaving a story together.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | Roxy Annex

Special Effects Wound Tutorial & Demo with Ciara Griffin

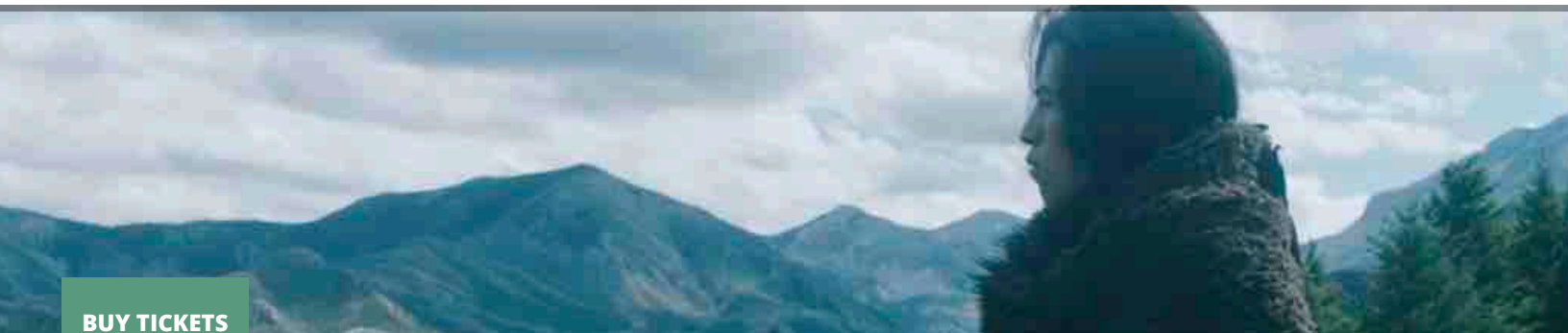
Sponsored by [Missoula Wine Merchants](#)

(Registration required. Limited to 20.)



Join Ciara Griffin, an international makeup artist and member of IATSE 488 as she talks about the tricks she uses on set. Watch some fun demos and tricks to use on your next shoot. Then, follow along on your own arm to create bloody wounds, blisters, bruises, scrapes, cuts, and bullet holes. Drinks & concessions will be available for purchase.

See [website Forum Session Descriptions](#) for most up-to-date version.



BUY TICKETS

SOOYII

4:00 pm Theater 2

Sponsored by [Downtown Missoula Partnership](#)

+ Q&A with Blackfoot Language / historical supervisor Jesse Desrosier, producer Judge Pat Hall and director Krisztian Kery.



BUY TICKETS

BLUEBERRY + WE BURN LIKE THIS

6:00 pm Theater 2

Sponsored by [Montana Video Production Rentals](#)

+ Q&A with director Alana Waksman, editor Marshall Granger, producer Jeri Rafter, and actor Angelo Rizzo.



MTFF SATURDAY HIP STRIP SOIREE

9:00 pm - 11:45 pm

741 S Higgins Ave
(across from the Roxy)
Free & open to the public



The Saturday Hip Strip Soiree is an MTFF tradition, but now [Clyde Coffee](#) has expanded and is even closer to us. Come celebrate the talent that contributed to the excellent films that are showing on the big screen at this year's festival. Dance to DJ Bullitt's 90's tracks and revel in the night owl version of Clyde Coffee as you drink [Montgomery Distillery's](#) tribute cocktail to the upcoming *Rancho Deluxe* screening!

Food will be provided as well as [Draught Works](#) seltzers.

Sunday, November 21

MTFF FILM FORUM SESSIONS

(free admission)

10:00 - 11:00 | Theater 2

Festival Circuit Wisdom with 3 Pros: *Brooke Swaney, Alana Waksman & Toby Poser. Moderated by Carrie Richer*

Making a film is only half the story; next, you have to navigate the festival circuit and get your film out into the world. Add a pandemic and virtual screenings on top of all of that and it gets complex fast!! These three directors are running the festival circuit under ever-evolving circumstances. They will answer your questions about the work that came between their final cut and screenings. We'll get into geoblocking, audience caps, travel support, and the unexpected connections made along the way.

10:00 - 11:00 | Roxy Annex

For Actors in MT Film *with SAG actor Jared Broxterman*

Come meet Montana Acting Studio and Casting, founded by mother and son Cammy Maughan and Jared Broxterman, who have over 25 years of experience on and off set. This session will cover the basics of how to present yourself as an actor for film projects, mastering a cold read, resume coaching, reel development, casting services, SAG-AFTRA union guidance, and learning terminology for film and TV.

11:15 - 12:15 | Theater 2

How to be an Extra *with Daniel Molloy, Moderated by Mike Emmons*

There are growing opportunities for those in the Missoula area to be involved in our state's film production industry as extras in films or tv series like Yellowstone and indie films like the ones shown at MTFF. Assistant Director, Daniel Molloy will line this process out from signing up, choosing photos to submit, suggesting contacts and email lists to follow, and breakdown all the steps involved. Daniel will be joined by seasoned extras Zuzu Weingart and Dan Sullivan who will tell stories of their experiences on various local sets, and advise on how you can get involved in the process and show up on-screen yourself.

12:30 - 1:30 | Theater 2

Crewing Up for your Indie Film *with Jeri Rafter. Moderated by Carrie Richer*

It is important to have the right collaborators around you on a film set that supports the project vision and contributes to a positive and productive work environment. Join us as experienced producer Jeri Rafter maps out how to find and build a successful production crew. We'll discuss how to source the right crew for your budget size, techniques for interviewing candidates, negotiating rates plus any red flags you should be on the lookout for when forming your team. Jeri will touch on the steps needed to get on Producers' call lists to break into the MT Film scene. The session will share best practices and resources for productions and individuals in the area and may include a heads-up on upcoming projects.

11:15 - 2:00 | Theater 3

Training and Knowledge for AC's with hands-on camera instruction *from Taylor Lennox*

Sponsored by [Montana Video and Production Rentals](#)

(Registration required. Limited to 20.)



20/20 Camera gear and Montana Video and Production Rentals' camera package are available for instruction and hands-on experience during this workshop. Taylor Lennox demonstrates and will guide each person through the motions of what is required on set as an AC. If you have been thinking about jumping on a crew but your camera skills are rusty - this is the perfect opportunity to get trained up with specific equipment. AC set protocols, technical requirements, reels, and slating will be covered.

1:45 - 2:45 | Theater 2

Supporting Indigenous Stories in Film *with Ivy MacDonald, Jesse Desrosier, and April Charlo, moderated by Lynn-Wood Fields*

How can non-Native filmmakers respectfully work on films about Indigenous stories and movements? Who should be telling these stories and how? Come and learn from these acclaimed panelists about how to be allies for Indigenous projects.

See website [Forum Session Descriptions](#) for most up-to-date version.

3:00 - 5:00 | Roxy Annex

FILM FORUM HAPPY HOUR

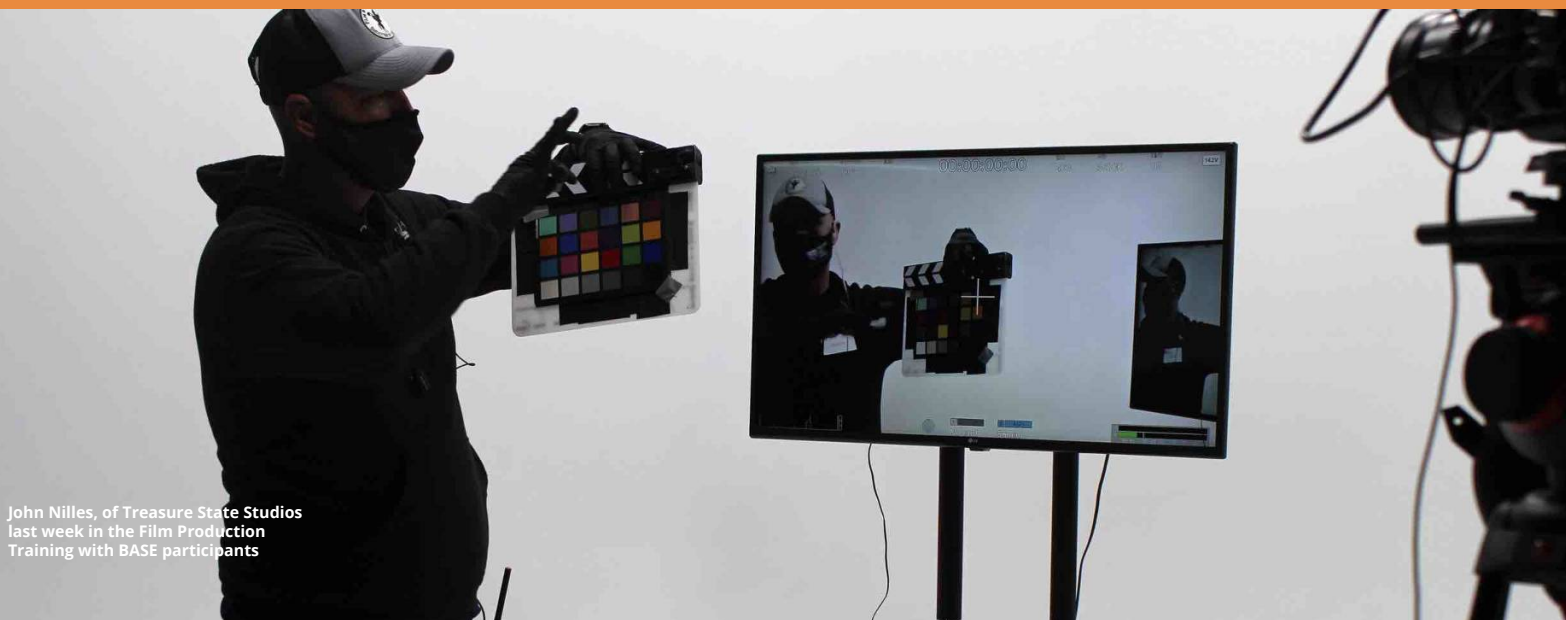
Media Looping: Premiere of finished promos from the BASE PA training sessions.

Trailers featuring upcoming Montana films.

Beverages and popcorn will be hosted by the festival and MTFF sponsor [Draught Works](#).

We'll wrap the Forum with a networking mixer and look ahead to the expanding future of Montana Film.

Sponsored by [Treasure State Studios](#) & [MT Film Office](#).



John Nilles, of Treasure State Studios
last week in the Film Production
Training with BASE participants

Sunday, November 21



BUY TICKETS

CATCH THE FAIR ONE

4:00 pm Theater 2

Sponsored by [Clyde Coffee](#)



BUY TICKETS

CATTLE CALL + RANCHO DELUXE

6:00 pm Theater 2

Sponsored by [Betty's Divine](#) + [Montgomery Distillery](#)



BUY TICKETS

The Humans

8:00 pm Theater 2

Sponsored by [Boyle, Deveny & Meyer PC](#)



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SCHEDULE: 4 DAY | NOVEMBER 18-21

	THURSDAY November 18	FRIDAY November 19	SATURDAY November 20	SUNDAY November 21
11				
12				
1			10:00am - 3:30pm MT Film Forum Sessions	10:00am - 3:30pm MT Film Forum Sessions
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5	OPENING NIGHT	4:30 - 6:30pm What Holds You + Rewind	4:00 - 6:30pm Sooyii	4:00 - 5:30pm Catch the Fair One
6	5:00 - 7:00pm Shorts Block Q&A with filmmakers	Q&A with filmmakers	Q&A with filmmakers	
7				6:00 - 7:30pm Cattle Call + Rancho Deluxe
8	7:30 - 10:15pm Montana Story	7:00 - 9:15pm The Power of the Dog	7:00 - 9:30pm Blueberry & We Burn Like This	
9	Q&A with filmmakers		Q&A with filmmakers	8:00 - 9:30pm The Humans
10	10:00 - 11:30pm Opening Night Party	9:45 - 11:15pm Hellbender	9:00pm Hip Strip Soiree	
11	at Western Cider with music by Johnny Frtz	Q&A with filmmakers	at Clyde Coffee with music by DJ Bullitt	

SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

	T2	Annex
10	10:00am - 11:30am <i>Montana Film Office presentation on the State of Film in MT with MT Film Commissioner Allison Whitmer</i>	
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12		
1	12pm - 1:00pm <i>Crew Survey with Gina Lavery & Allison Whitmer</i>	
2	1:15 - 2:15pm <i>A Conversation with David Siegel & Scott McGehee</i>	
3	2:30 - 3:30pm <i>Visual Storytelling with Avela Grenier & Marshall Granger</i>	11:30am - 12:00pm <i>Special Effects Wound Tutorial & Demo with Ciara Griffin</i>
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5	4:00 - 6:30pm <i>Sooyii</i> <i>Q&A with filmmakers</i>	
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8	7:00 - 9:30pm <i>Blueberry + We Burn Like This</i> <i>Q&A with filmmakers</i>	
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10		

9:00pm
Hip Strip Soiree

at Clyde Coffee with music
by DJ Bullitt

SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

	T2	T3	Annex
10	10:00am - 11:00am <i>Festival Circuit Wisdom</i> with 3 Pros: Brooke Swaney, Alana Waksman, & Toby Poser		10:00am - 11:00am <i>For Actors in MT Film</i> with SAG actor Jared Broxterman
11			
12	11:15am - 12:15am <i>How to be an Extra</i> with Daniel Molloy	11:15am - 2:00pm <i>Training and Knowledge for AC's with hands-on camera instruction</i> from Taylor Lennox	
1	12:30pm - 1:30pm <i>Crewing Up for your Indie Film</i> with Jeri Rafter		
2	1:45 - 2:45pm <i>Supporting Indigenous Stories in Film</i> with Ivy MacDonald, Jesse Desrosier, and April Charlo		
3			
4			3:00 - 5:00pm FILM FORUM Happy Hour
5	4:00 - 5:30pm Catch the Fair One		
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7	6:00 - 7:30pm Cattle Call + Rancho Deluxe		
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9	8:00 - 9:30pm The Humans		
10			



FILM SELECTIONS

THE POWER OF THE DOG Directed by Jane
Campion with Benedict Cumberbatch

FILMS: A-Z



600 Moons

8 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Cindy Stillwell



If we live long enough, we will have seen six hundred moons at fifty years of life on earth. 600 Moons is a wordless experimental film that imagines the fluidity of time, the fragility of our existence and what happens in the spirit realm. Shot in Ontario and Montana on 16mm, the film was hand processed with mostly plant based eco-processing techniques that are evident in the ethereal textures of the film.

Director Cindy Stillwell will be in attendance.



Bitterroot

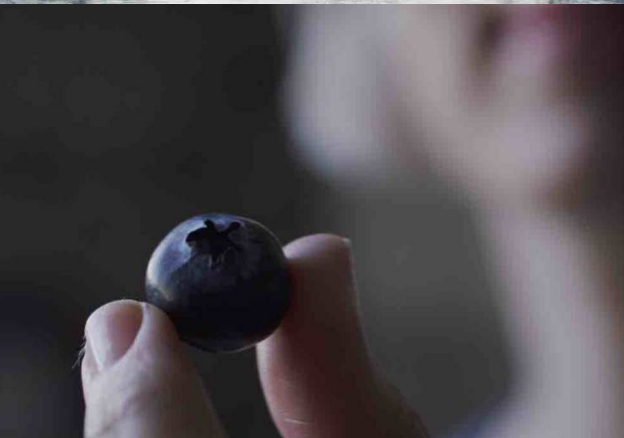
15 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director and Producer: Adam Meeks



Returning to the landscape of his childhood and an archive of his father's renowned photography, filmmaker Adam Meeks explores his parents' marriage and the Montana valley that defined it.



Blueberry

3 min 50 sec | Short

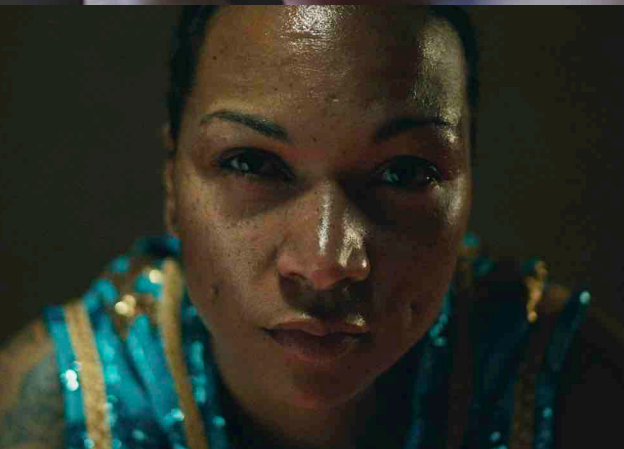
Screening Time: Saturday, November 20 @ 7:00 pm

Director: Dani Parker



A woman turns to a surreal inner world as she weighs her options with a 7-week pregnancy. *This film screens before WE BURN LIKE THIS.*

Filmmaker Dani Parker will be in attendance.



Catch the Fair One

85 min | Feature

Screening Time: Sunday, November 21 @ 4:00 pm

Director: Josef Kubota Wladyka

Producers: Mollye Asher, Kimberly Parker, and Josef Kubota Wladyka



A Native American woman embarks on the fight of her life when she goes in search of her missing sister. The former boxer gets entangled in a human trafficking operation to retrace her sister's steps and find the man responsible.



Cattle Call

3 min 30 sec | Short

Screening Time: Sunday, November 21 @ 6:00 pm

Directors: Matt Rankin and Mike Maryniuk



Cattle Call is a high-speed animated documentary about the art of livestock auctioneering. Structured around the mesmerizing talents of 2007 Man-Sask Auctioneer Champion, Tim Dowler, and using a variety of classic and avant-garde animation techniques filmmakers Maryniuk and Rankin have tried to create images as dazzlingly abstract, absurd, and adrenalizing as the incredible language of auctioneering itself.

This film screens before RANCHO DELUXE.



Hellbender

85 min | Feature

Screening Time: Friday, November 19 @ 9:45 pm

Directors: Zelda Adams, Toby Poser, and John Adams

Producer: Toby Poser



A teen and her mother live simply in a home in the woods, spending their time making metal music. A chance encounter with a fellow teen causes her to uncover a connection between her family and witchcraft, which causes a rift with her mother.

Filmmaker and actor Toby Poser will be in attendance.



Le Pigeon

12 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Molly Stark-Ragsdale

Producers: Elizabeth Vander Houwen, Amy Ragsdale, Cody Jahrig



Le Pigeon follows a day in the life of two millennials as they catastrophize about a world they know little about due to the privileged pedestal on which they stand. Everything they stand for is put into question when they must rescue a comatose pigeon from the beach.

Actor Kelly Bouma and Cinematographer Mike Steinberg will be present at the Q&A.



Lore

10 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Sky Hopinka



Images of friends and landscapes are cut, fragmented, and reassembled on an overhead projector as hands guide their shape and construction in this film stemming from Hollis Frampton's "Nostalgia". The voice tells a story about a not too distant past, a not too distant ruin, with traces of nostalgia articulated in terms of lore; knowledge and memory passed down and shared not from wistful loss, but as a pastiche of rumination, reproduction, and creation.

FILMS: A-Z



Montana Story

113 min | Feature

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 7:30 pm

Directors: David Siegel & Scott McGehee

Producers: Jennifer Roth, Scott McGehee, David Siegel



Two siblings returning to the family ranch to care for their ailing father must confront painful truths, in Scott McGehee and David Siegel's latest.

Both Directors will be present at the Q&A following the film.



Ode to Desolation

13 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Lindsey Hagen



Ode to Desolation shares the story of Jim Henterly, a naturalist, illustrator and fire lookout as he contemplates the dwindling days of Fire Lookouts in North America. With the influence of technology and AI threatening to make his role obsolete, we look into the future and ask ourselves what connections we will maintain to keep our human interpretation of the natural world alive.



Rancho Deluxe (1975)

93 min | Feature

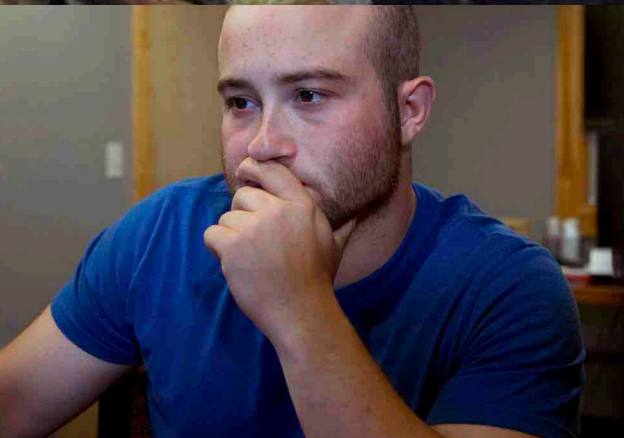
Screening Time: Sunday, November 21 @ 6:00 pm

Director: Frank Perry

Producer: Elliott Kastner



A 1975 Neo-Western comedy film directed by Frank Perry. Jeff Bridges and Sam Waterston star as two cattle rustlers in modern-day Livingston, Montana, who plague a wealthy ranch owner, played by Clifton James.



Rewind

86 min | Feature

Screening Time: Friday, November 19 @ 4:30 pm

Director: Sasha Neulinger

Producers: Sasha Neulinger, Avela Grenier, Robert Schneeweis, Shasta Grenier Winston



Digging through the vast collection of his father's home videos, a young man reconstructs the unthinkable story of his boyhood and exposes a dark secret passed through generations.

Editor & producer Avela Grenier will be present after the screening as well as representatives of First Step Resource Center - a child advocacy services and sexual assault clinic.

FILMS: A-Z



Sooyii

89 min | Feature

Screening Time: Saturday, November 20 @ 4:00 pm

Director: Krisztian Kery

Producers: Scott Duthie, Danny Edmo, Pat Judge Hall, Richard Hocutt, Jeri Rafter, and Paige Rasmussen



Sooyii (Creatures) is about a young Pikuni Man, the lone survivor of a deadly curse that decimates his village, joins forces with an unlikely ally to finally face the unknown.

Director Krisztian Kery and more will be in attendance.



The Humans

108 min | Feature

Screening Time: Sunday, November 21 @ 8:00 pm

Director: Stephen Karam

Producers: Louise Lovegrove and Stephen Karam



BOYLE . DEVENY . MEYER

Erik Blake gathers three generations of his Pennsylvania family to celebrate Thanksgiving at his daughter's apartment in lower Manhattan. As darkness falls and eerie things go bump in the night, the group's deepest fears are laid bare.



The Moly Spirit

5 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Michael Kohlbrenner

Producers: John Budge, Michael Patrick Kane Michael Kohlbrenner



Jesus discloses a dark secret to his disciple Peter.

Producer and actor John Budge will be in attendance.



The Power of The Dog

126 min | Feature

Screening Time: Friday, November 19 @ 7:00 pm

Director: Jane Campion

Producers: Emile Sherman, Iain Canning, Roger Frappier, Jane Campion, Tanya Seghatchian



Charismatic rancher Phil Burbank inspires fear and awe in those around him. When his brother brings home a new wife and her son, Phil torments them until he finds himself exposed to the possibility of love. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Plemons, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Thomasin McKenzie, Genevieve Lemon, Keith Carradine, and Frances Conroy.

FILMS: A-Z



We Burn Like This

81 min | Feature

Screening Time: Saturday, November 20 @ 7:00 pm

Director: Alana Waksman

Producers: Alana Waksman, Marshall Granger, Jeri Rafter

Executive Producers: Neda Armian and Eleanor Nett



When 22-year-old Rae, a descendant of Holocaust survivors, is targeted by Neo-Nazis in Billings, Montana, her ancestors' trauma becomes real. Inspired by true events, this coming-of-age story shows the inherited effects of historical trauma and the strength of survival and healing.

Director Alana Waksman and more will be in attendance.



What Holds You

4 min | Short

Screening Time: Friday, November 19 @ 4:30 pm

Director: Julia Sparr

A melancholic peer through the perspective of a filmmaker's hometown, *What Holds You* balances sparse imagery of Billings, Montana with personal voicemails scoring the background.

This film will screen before *REWIND* and director Julia Sparr will be present.



Wildcat

16 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Cat Dale

Producer: Alexa Alberda



Mary Todd Lincoln, who is committed to an insane asylum by her last living relative, tries to prove her sanity with the help of a medium and her dead son.

Director Cat Dale will be in attendance.



Wildfire

12 min | Short

Screening Time: Thursday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm

Director: Brett Hannam



A two-spirit L'nu teenager runs away from his abusive father along with his younger half-brother. Along the way they meet a two-spirit powwow dancer who joins them on their quest. Together they travel the backroads in search of a new beginning.

HOW TO FEST

Welcome to Missoula! Home to many writers, musicians, artists, professors, scientists, and entrepreneurs. Missoula is a thriving cultural hub in the interior Rocky Mountain West. Missoula is a unique town that feels small and expansive at the same time. Located along the Clark Fork River, near the confluence of the Bitterroot River and the Blackfoot River, getting around town in this wide valley is fairly easy. Here you will find all the information you need to make your stay with MTFE memorable.



Getting Here

Arriving just in time to see a film?

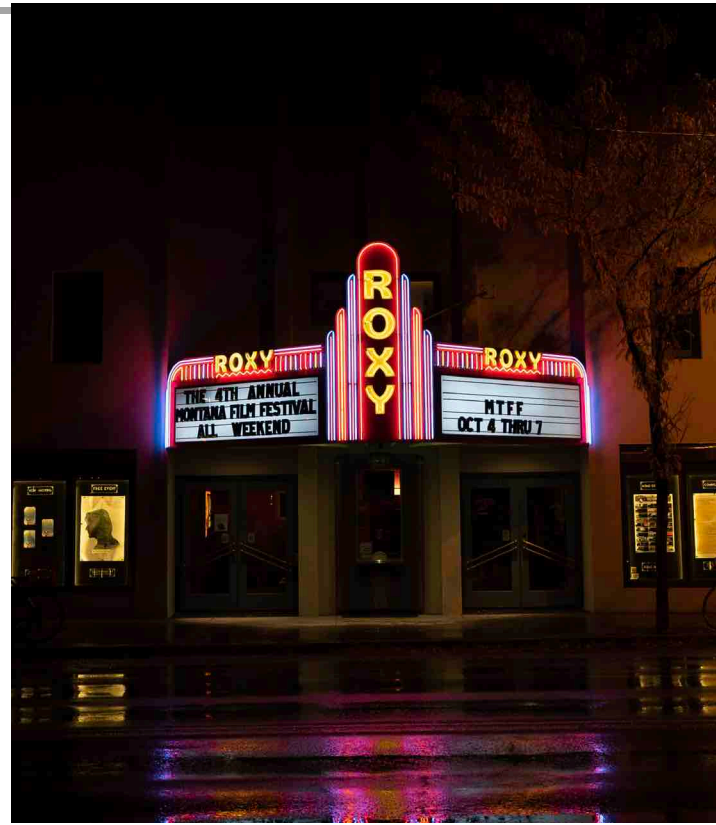
Head to the [Roxy Theater](#), our festival venue.
[718 S. Higgins Ave.](#)

The Roxy is the home to community cinema and is in the vibrant, Hip Strip neighborhood of Missoula. We recommend finding a place to stay nearby the theater as parking is easy and there are plenty of amenities. Feeling like you are part of our neighborhood is the key to an authentic MTFF experience.

The City Of Missoula also has a convenient public transit system. To learn more, visit their website - www.mountainline.com

Here is a guide + maps on biking around Missoula:
[Destination Missoula - For Bicycles](#)

[Uber](#) and [Lyft](#) services are available in Missoula.



NEED IDEAS ON WHAT TO DO IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY WHEN NOT WATCHING FILMS?

Check out [Missoula Downtown](#) or [Visit MT](#) and get to know this place outside the theater.

Or take a peek at some of our favorite haunts:

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- [Slant Street Records](#)
- [Lookout Axe Throwing](#)
- [Zootown Arts Community Center](#)



Where to Find Your Coffee?

Clyde Coffee - Just across the street from the Roxy Theater on Higgins Ave, Clyde coffee is a BIG supporter of MTFE and has wonderful drinks, snacks, treats, and a warm atmosphere.

Le Petit Outre - Also just one block away from The Roxy Theater, LPO is a wonderful French bakery with delicious espresso.

Bernice's Bakery - Need a cake or cupcake fix? Bernice's Bakery specializes in gourmet baking and also offers breakfast, lunch & espresso.

Butterfly Herbs - If you want the quintessential Missoula experience, Butterfly Herbs is your place. Incredible coffee, teas and gifts.

Where to Drink?

Fancy?

- [Western Cider](#)
- [Montgomery Distillery](#)
- [Plonk](#) (+ FOOD)
- [Gild](#) (+ FOOD)
- [James Bar](#) (+ FOOD)

Divey?

- [Charlie B's](#) (+ FOOD)
- [Flipper's](#) (+ FOOD)
- [Al's & Vic's](#)
- [Rhino](#)

Beer?

- [Kettle House Brewing](#)
- [Imagine Nation](#)
- [Draught Works](#)
- [Highlander Beer](#)
- [Tamarack Brewing Co](#) (+ FOOD)
- [Big Sky Brewing](#)

Where to Eat

Missoula has a wonderful variety of places to eat. Explore your palette with these recommendations.

Want to dine?

- [Scotty's Table](#)
- [Finn](#)
- [Biga Pizza](#)
- [SakeTome](#)
- [Zoo Thai](#)
- [Sushi Hana](#)
- [Vietnam Grill](#)
- [Sa Wa Dee](#)
- [Top Hat Lounge](#)

Quick bite?

- [Tagliare](#)
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